A.—(*a*) The maximum number of new admissions to the first-year classes in Rayapuram and Tanjore has been fixed at 66 and 40, respectively. The maximum total strength of the first-year class which will include re-admissions on account of failures has not been fixed.

(*b*) Rayapuram ... ... 89 } includes re-admission.
Tanjore ... ... 61 }

(*c*) There are no vacancies.

Promotion of clerks in the Medical Department to the selection grade.

* 281 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Surgeon-General recommended last year any clerks in the Medical Department to be promoted to the selection grade of clerks drawing Rs. 60 to Rs. 80;

(*b*) if so, what were the names of the said clerks;

(*c*) whether the Government passed any orders in or about December last approving the said recommendations of the Surgeon-General; and

(*d*) if so, whether the said Government orders were carried out and when?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) On the Surgeon-General's recommendation, Government exempted last December the undermentioned clerks from Article I of the Public Service Notification so as to enable them to hold posts on Rs. 60—4—80 in the Medical Department—

(1) M. Sankara Ayyar, Clerk, District Medical Officer's Office, Tanjore.

(2) C. Jayaram Pillai, Head clerk, District Medical Officer's Office, Chittoor.

(3) S. Narasinga Rao, Head clerk, District Medical Officer's Office, Ganjam.

(*d*) Yes. The exempted clerks were promoted to the higher scale of pay (Rs. 60—80) with effect from 30th March 1931.

Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA:—"May I know why in these cases alone the clerks concerned were given selection grade?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"Because in those particular cases the work of the clerks was found satisfactory."

Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA:—"May I know why the case of one clerk has been overlooked?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU—"The discretion rested with the Surgeon-General."